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It is none too early for Richardson county republicans to begin to think about a legislative ticket.

Senator Dietrich will not resume his seat until after his case has been disposed of by the senate committee. Thus for once a senator is not a senator.

The coming session of the English parliament promises to be a stormy one. We think it would be worse to be a king with a parliament on his hands, than to be a president with a congress on his hands. At least, it sounds worse.

Willie Hearst might give considerable impetus to his presidential boom by promising the public that he would endeavor to increase the circulation of the Congressional Record by adding a comic supplement, and that he would inject plenty of amber hued sensationalism into his message to congress.

Mrs. Maybrick has been released from prison. Now, out of the lime light of publicity, may she depart in peace. For 10, these many years, has her name appeared periodically in the public prints and enterprising correspondents have had her almost free many, many times. Guilty or innocent, may she pass into oblivion and be forgotten. She will doubtless appreciate it.

John Brisben Walker, editor of the Cosmopolitan magazine thinks that we are in the eve of a world war and cries aloud to all the other nations of the world, "The Russians 'll get you, if you don't watch out!" He thinks that soon the Russian bear will divide his time between drinking whale oil in the Arctic regions and munching cocoanuts in the tropics and that St. Petersburg will be the capital of the world. In that day will the words of our own prophet come true and there will be no more Fourth of July.

GOVERNOR MICKEY.

The organization of Roosevelt and Mickey clubs at various Nebraska towns, comes as the first expression of republican sentiment as to the renomination of our present chief executive. That this sentiment will grow and be-

come as nearly unanimous as such things ever become, goes almost without saying. As far as the discharge of the duties of his office is concerned the administration of Governor Mickey has been eminently satisfactory, and it is by this standard alone that he must be judged. Not only by precedent, but by his own merits. John H. Mickey will be renominated and re-elected governor of Nebraska. The republicans of Nebraska will prove as loyal to him as to President Roosevelt.

A POOR EXCUSE.

The last issue of the Pawnee Chief contained the following editorial:

"Frank Reavis' paper, The Falls City Tribune, is shedding large crocodile tears over the appointment of Johnny Martin as court stenographer by Judge Kelligar. The Chief is not greatly concerned over the appointment of a republican reporter by a democratic judge for politics ought not to enter into the judiciary, and everyone acknowledges Mr. Martin to be an exceptionally competent reporter. Then again, the editor knows of no competent democratic stenographer in the first district who would accept this plum. The appointment suits the people, and if the politicians don't like it just let them howl. It costs little effort and does no harm."

The above is a cheap attempt on the part of a democratic editor to garb a flagrant wrong in the robes of virtue. The Tribune made its remarks about the appointment of John Martin some weeks ago, but it was only last week that the editor of the Chief felt "called upon" to make any reference to the matter. Just who it was that applied the thumbscrews to Mr. Overden and thus produced this wail, must remain a matter of conjecture.

The earnest student of the political history of the first judicial district can come to but one conclusion—John Martin betrayed his party for a sum of money equal to that set forth in the statutes as the compensation of a court reporter. Having obtained control of a republican newspaper, he conducted his campaign of slander and villification, not because he hated Reavis but because he loved the lucrative position that he held. By so doing, he, and he alone, brought about the election of Judge Kelligar and he got his reward as far as dollars and cents go.

Benedict Arnold betrayed his country and escaped to a British warship which carried him to England. But although England had profited by his perfidy, he was received in London with contempt. They accepted his ser-

VICES, but they could not endure the man.

John Martin betrayed his party and was rewarded, but when he turns to the democrats of this district for applause, the silence is oppressive. The democratic party feels toward Martin as the British felt toward Arnold, and the republicans feel as the Americans felt.

The editor of the Chief makes the silly excuse that there are no competent democratic stenographers in the district. It does not require a master intellect to become a shorthand reporter. Anybody with a fair education and real determination can learn it. Had Judge Kelligar appointed Martin to serve only until another had qualified there would have been no objection.

Ordinarily there could have been no reasonable objection to the appointment of a republican reporter by a democratic judge, but—circumstances alter cases. Keep the judiciary pure!

ROCKEFELLER.

John D. Rockefeller's offer to donate money with which to erect a building to become a part of the University of Nebraska, has caused all kinds of discussion, and those who oppose the acceptance of the gift seem to be in the majority.

The history of the operations of John D. Rockefeller shows that he has never been inclined to do something for nothing. If the people of Nebraska get anything from him you can bet that they are going to pay for it. It may come in the form of a raise in the price of oil, or it may come in some other way, but one thing is sure; the ledger of John D. Rockefeller is going to be balanced in the end.

It is not so much, however, a question of dollars and cents as it is of moral effect and ethical reaction. After the magnificent building had been erected and accepted as the gift of the Standard oil magnate, it would be pretty hard for the young man studying political economy at the University to keep his judgments straight and to follow in the footsteps of Professor Laughlin and John Stuart Mill. Whenever he looked out of a window and saw the Rockefeller gift, there would be sown in his mind fresh seeds economic heresy. We don't need Rockefellers building. The great state of Nebraska is able to maintain its university as it should be maintained and to supply all the buildings that are necessary.

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Attempt at Blackmail.

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"Mr. McCool, you please leave ten dollars on a certain spot or there will something happen, leave it on the 24th of January at the hand car house 9 o'clock p.m.—sharp."

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